



# State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Public Hearings

The Statewide Independent Living Council also known as the Indiana Council on Independent Living (ICOIL) will be conducting Public Hearings to allow for public comment regarding the draft objectives of the State Plan on Independent Living for the 2017-2019. During these hearings, members of the public may also fill out or later submit their comments regarding the Statewide Needs Assessment which is attached to this notice.

Advocates and people with disabilities are encouraged to attend and provide their comment regarding objectives that include housing, education, health care, transportation, family supports, assistive technology, voting, transition, mental health, and educating Hoosiers about inclusion and respect for people with disabilities.

The public can also submit written comments and the Needs Assessment by December 31, 2015 to [IndianalCOIL@gmail.com](mailto:IndianalCOIL@gmail.com)

Interpreters will be available at all locations. For more information, visit ICOIL's website at [www.icoil.org](http://www.icoil.org)

## **3<sup>rd</sup> / Final Public Hearing:**

**Goshen—**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on 12/07/15**

**Ivy Tech Community College Community Center**

**(West end of the building)**

**22531 Co. Rd. 18**

**Goshen, IN 46528**

**\*\*Use Community Center Entrance & Parking\*\***

# INDIANA INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Each state has a State Independent Living Council - in Indiana it's called the Indiana Council on Independent Living, or ICOIL. Members of the Council are appointed by the Governor. The majority must be persons with disabilities who are knowledgeable about the Independent Living program and not employed by the State or a Center for Independent Living.

## STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL)

By federal law, ICOIL and the Executive Directors of Centers for Independent Living are required to develop a State Plan for Independent Living, also known as a SPIL.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

We appreciate your willingness to help identify critical issues for to be included in the next SPIL. Below, please check the space or add your comment on each category.

**HOUSING:** Adequate and appropriate options for affordable, accessible and fully integrated housing as part of the community.

Extremely Important \_\_\_\_\_  
Very Important \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of Important \_\_\_\_\_  
Not Important \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about Housing:

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**HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES:** Access to quality, dependable and affordable community support systems and home health/home care services that enable people with disabilities to avoid nursing homes and/or other institution settings.

Extremely Important \_\_\_\_\_  
Very Important \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of Important \_\_\_\_\_  
Not Important \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about Home and Community-Based Services:

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ACCESSIBILITY: Full compliance with Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessibility guidelines by businesses, social service organizations, school systems and governmental entities.

Extremely Important \_\_\_\_\_

Very Important \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Important \_\_\_\_\_

Not Important \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about Accessibility:

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BENEFITS: Clear and consistent information about benefit programs (such as Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, Money Follows the Person, etc.) and adequate support to resolve any difficulties that may arrive.

Extremely Important \_\_\_\_\_

Very Important \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Important \_\_\_\_\_

Not Important \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about Benefits:

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EDUCATION: Assistance to make the educational experience positive and productive for all youth and adults with disabilities and to further education to achieve their goals.

Extremely Important \_\_\_\_\_

Very Important \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Important \_\_\_\_\_

Not Important \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about Education:

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EMPLOYMENT: Equal and appropriate opportunities and adequate support by State agencies and employers to enable people with disabilities to be gainfully employed in their careers of choice.

Extremely Important \_\_\_\_\_

Very Important \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Important \_\_\_\_\_

Not Important \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about Employment:

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Access to adequate and reliable public transportation options for people with disabilities. Besides medical appointment transportation, this would include access to recreation and other activities that enable persons with disabilities to live their lives independently.

Extremely Important \_\_\_\_\_

Very Important \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Important \_\_\_\_\_

Not Important \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about Public Transportation:

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PUBLIC ATTITUDES: Increased awareness, understanding and acceptance by persons without disabilities regarding the right and true potential of persons with disabilities.

Extremely Important \_\_\_\_\_

Very Important \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Important \_\_\_\_\_

Not Important \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about Public Attitudes:

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I AM (check all that apply):

Person with a disability \_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_

Family member \_\_\_\_\_

Professional \_\_\_\_\_

Other interested person \_\_\_\_\_

I reside in \_\_\_\_\_ county

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER SERVICES:

I have received services from an Independent Living Center \_\_\_\_\_

I have NOT received services from an independent Living Center \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about Independent Living Centers/Services:

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Other Comments:

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The Indiana Council on Independent Living (ICOIL) would like to thank you for taking your time to complete this survey.

If you wish to add other items or suggestions to this survey and would like them to be considered as part of the next State Plan please send them to the address or email below:

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